



## Dutch Village shows their appreciation for long time visitors

Management and employees of the Dutch Village hosted a special morning get together for some of their long-time annual visitors, and those joining the Thursday morning party spanned nearly three generations, such as the Carter family.

Eighteen couples were paid tribute by Manager Gerrit Griffith and staff with a congenial gathering at the Dutch Village Tiki Bar. This included free drinks, snacks and the awarding of a button that distinguishes the eighteen guests as "very special people." Ana Arends, Yolene Leonidas, Shirley Heins and Hild Mills joined Gerrit in pinning on buttons and showing their guests how much they appreciate their annual visits and pleasant company.

All the couples have been visiting the island for at least twenty years consecutively as owners at Dutch Village, and one couple, Marie and Peter Price from Massachusetts have been coming to Aruba for twenty-five years, non-stop.

The "Aruba regulars" all share warm friendships and memories, and the party was a delightful gathering of old friends. Recognized by the Divi staff that morning were: Larry & Sharon Plutnicki, Al & Marge Usalis, Marilyn & Hank Audet, Roger & Rosalee Monroe, Michael Kesclica & family from New Hampshire, Ray & Allie Bassi and Ophelia & Paul Hart from North Carolina, Mary & Jo Marino and Ruth & George Strumke from New York, Helen Carver and family from Massachusetts along with Barbara Vallee from New Jersey.

. Unfortunately, the Aruba Tourism Authority was tied up this week with the ATCA convention, and did not have available personnel to award these visitors with their certificates of "Ambassadors of Goodwill" to which they are entitled, but Dutch Village staff wanted them to know they are recognized and appreciated. Regular guest are what make resorts like Dutch Village such a success, but more than that, the employees wanted to show their gratitude to guests such as these that make their work enjoyable and worthwhile.